

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-2, 4, 7-9, 11, 14-16 and 19-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 19-20 are amended, and claims 6, 13 and 19 are cancelled. By this Amendment, no claims are added. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 20 are the independent claims.

Examiner Interview

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time for discussing this application. During the interview, Applicants discussed the rejection to claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Choi (US 7,120,132) in view of Malladi (US 2003/0210668). In particular, Applicants discussed the aligning step of claim 1, and the cited portions of the references. In accordance with our discussion, Applicants have amended the independent claims as discussed to overcome the Choi and Malladi references. For instance, Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 6 into independent claim 1, as well as the feature "the timing offset representing a processing time required at a user equipment to decode a subframe of the shared control channel." These features further define the aligning step of the independent claims. The Examiner agreed that these amendments overcome the cited references. The Examiner stated he would discuss these amendments with his supervisor, and enter these amendments if they are found allowable without the filing of an RCE. If there is anything that prevents this application from being allowed, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call Applicants' representatives at the number identified below before a subsequent action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 6-7, 11, 15-16, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Choi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,130,132, hereinafter "Choi") in view of Malladi et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0210668, hereinafter "Malladi"). As stated above, the Examiner agreed that these amendments overcome the cited references. For instance, neither Malladi nor Choi disclose or suggest "the timing offset representing a processing time required at a user equipment to decode a subframe of the shared control channel" as required by independent claims 1 and 15. As such, Applicants respectfully requests this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 8-9, 13-14 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Choi in view of Malladi and further in view of Chulajata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,434,375). Applicants have amended independent claims 8 and 20 to include features similar to the above-identified features of claim 1. Claim 2, 9, 13-14, dependent on claims 1 and 8, are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above. As such, Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

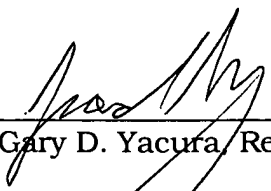
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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